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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAIRO 19516

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT EG
SUBJECT: SALEM RESIGNATION: PART II

REF: CAIRO 19416 (NOTAL)

1. OFFICIAL DENIAL OF RESIGNATION. OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN
AUGUST 21 DENIED THERE WAS ANY SUBSTANCE TO AL AHRAR
REPORT THAT PRIME MINISTER SALEM HAS SUBMITTED HIS
RESIGNATION. SPOKESMAN TERMED REPORT "ALTOGETHER UNTRUE."
NEVERTHELESS, AL AHRAR CORRESPONDENTS CONTINUE TO
INSIST PRIVATELY THAT STORY IS ACCURATE. THEY CLAIM
TO HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION DIRECTLY FROM MISR PARTY
CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER WHO HEARD SALEM ANNOUNCE RESIG-
NATION DURING STORMY COMMITTEE MEETING.

2. DOES IT MATTER? WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS TELL US THEY
ARE RECEIVING CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS OF RUMORED RESIG-
NATION FROM USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCES. MINISTER OF
INFORMATION AL SAWI, WE UNDERSTAND, IS CLAIMING THE ENTIRE
CONTROVERSY DOESN'T MATTER MUCH. AL SAWI IS SAYING
THAT, IN ANY PARLIAMENTARY SYSTEM, WHEN THE MAJORITY
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SHIFTS THE CABINET CHANGES. ONCE SADAT HAS FORMED HIS
NEW PARTY IT WILL BE "NATURAL" FOR SALEM TO STEP ASIDE.
THUS, WHETHER OR NOT PM HAS SUBMITTED A FORMAL RESIGNA-
TION IS MOOT POINT.

3. COMMENT: BOILED DOWN, WHAT AL SAWI IS SAYING IS
THAT IF SALEM HAS NOT RESIGNED, HE SOON WILL. WHATEVER

SALEM'S FUTURE, THE CURRENT UNCERTAINTY IS HAVING A
PARALYZING EFFECT ON THE BUREAUCRACY. WE UNDERSTAND
MINISTERS ARE PAYING MINIMAL ATTENTION TO BUSINESS, AND
SENIOR LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS ARE RELUCTANT TO TAKE ANY
DECISIONS UNTIL THEY KNOW WHO THEIR NEXT MASTER WILL BE.
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